

CLAIMS:

1. A system for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, said system

comprising:

an information gatherer for obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated merchants; and

a purchase requester for providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

2. The system according to claim 1 wherein the information gatherer includes:

a merchant information gatherer for obtaining product information from the target merchant about a product to be purchased by the purchaser;

a purchaser information gatherer for obtaining information about the purchaser making the purchase of the product.

3. The system according to claim 2 wherein the merchant information gatherer includes:

a product location gatherer for obtaining a location on an electronic commerce system of the target merchant of product information for the product to be purchased through the electronic commerce system.

4. The system according to claim 1 wherein the purchase requester includes:

an information checker for checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and
a transaction creator for interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.

5. A method for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, said method comprising:

obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated merchants; and

providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

6. The method according to claim 5 wherein the step of obtaining information from the target merchant includes:

gathering product information from the target merchant for a product to be purchased by the purchaser; and
obtaining information about the purchaser.

7. The method according to claim 6 wherein the step of gathering product information includes;

gathering a location on an electronic commerce system of the target merchant of product information for the product to be purchased on the electronic commerce system.

8. The method according to claim 5 wherein the step of providing the target merchant with a purchase request includes:

checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and
interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.

9. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, the computer-executable instructions performing the steps comprising:

obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated merchants; and

providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

10. The computer-readable medium according to claim 9 wherein the step of obtaining information from the target merchant includes:

gathering product information from the target merchant for a product to be purchased by the purchaser; and
obtaining information about the purchaser.

11. The computer-readable medium according to claim 10 wherein the step of gathering product information includes;

gathering a location on an electronic commerce system of the target
5 merchant of product information for the product to be purchased on the electronic commerce system.

12. The computer-readable medium according to claim 9 wherein the step of providing the target merchant with a purchase request includes:

10 checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and
interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.

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